

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(121)

CRWP No. 5017 of 2020

Date of Decision : 20.07.2020

Gurwinder Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The petition has been taken for hearing through video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Present petition has been filed seeking a direction to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondents No. 5 and 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that respondent No. 6 was selling adulterated milk and keeping in view the complaints made by the petitioner against respondent No. 6, he suffered loss in his business and now respondent No. 5 is calling the petitioner to the police station time and again as respondent No. 5 is known to respondent No. 6. Learned counsel further contends that petitioner is made to sit in the police station without any reason and he is being harassed. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that asking the petitioner to sit in the police station for long duration without there being any allegation against him amounts violation of his right to life and liberty. Petitioner is seeking a direction from this Court to

protect his life and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 5 and 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for the grievance, which has been raised in the present petition, petitioner has submitted a representation dated 13.06.2020 (Annexure P-2) to respondent No. 3, which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 3 to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. V.S. Jauhar, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and raises no objection for passing appropriate order on the representation of the petitioner dated 18.06.2020 (Annexure P-2) in a time bound manner by respondent No. 3.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No. 3 is directed to decide the representation dated 13.06.2020 (Annexure P-2) by passing a speaking order within a period of one month from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

July 20, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes
Whether reportable? No